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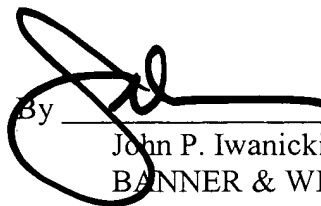
In regard to the above identified application, we are transmitting herewith the attached:

1. Information Disclosure Statement,
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3. Copies of seven (7) references, and
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 17, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit the enclosed PTO Form 1449. Copies of these references are enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application.

In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the listed references may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This

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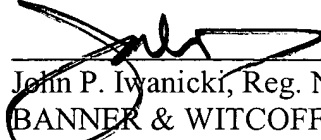
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